

The Banished

MEDIATOR & APP

"Let Reformers of Upper Canada, with a unanimity that shall make them irresistible, rally to the hustings, resolved that this fair portion of the western hemisphere, under the Lion of England, shall be flourishing, glorious and free."

*To the Free & Independent Electors of the 3rd Riding of York:
Markham, April, 24th, 1840.*

GENTLEMEN:

Having read, this day, the above words of your Parliamentary Representative, I enquired what good he had hitherto done; and was told "*not the smallest.*" I then cogitated how the consummation so devoutly to be wished for might be attained, and became assured it had not a chance from any manifestation in the address of Mr. Small. May I therefore present myself to your kind consideration.

Mr. Small binds himself to the Right Hon. noble Earl of Durham, and to the Right Honorable C. P. Thompson. I pin myself to no man's coat tail,—neither peer nor pedlar.

Lord Durham's report was not written by Lord Durham, and apparently was not understood by his Lordship. I, myself extolled it in the strongest language, as a report. It was good as an entering wedge for enquiry, and nothing more. The scheme for uniting the Canadas is narrow, dark, doubtful and dangerous: the views of responsibility dim, and deceitful.

Before Lord Durham's report appeared, I wrote out and exhibited a scheme dividing British North America (VICTORIA) into two governments—CANADA and CABOTIA; having a Grand Admiral &c., at Quebec; and subdividing Canada into six Provinces—Erie, Ontario, St. Lawrence, &c. with London, Toronto, Kingston or Perth &c. as centres; and Bytown (Ottawa) for the federal city.

Forty thousand squatters on the territory of the United States are allowed to legislate for themselves; and, should four hundred thousand British subjects in Upper Canada be less liberally treated? The people of Mississippi, Missouri and Michigan have lately framed excellent constitutions; and may not we of this Province, with more experience, and better opportunities, frame one infinitely superior to all?

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Very sincerely yours
ROBERT F.

MARKHAM COLLEGE

The people of Upper Canada will that there is now open in the healthy vi SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTION OF MEMBERS and, it is hoped, that no candidate will the hustings, at next election, who h Markham College.

Fees per Quarter two Dollars; and diploma;—students providing themselves of Euclid, compasses and Square.

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elect, the doings of the people's Representatives in Assem-
bly are still more wretched? Talk of responsibility indeed!—
talk of being "flourishing, glorious, and free" while this mat-
ter is unattended to!! Is it not wholly hopeless?

As the FIRST BOOK of EUCLID cannot be printed in To-
ronto, because of the Diagrams, I have written to a Typesoun-
der in New York for an estimate of a stereotype edition:
and think it may be afforded at one shilling per copy. To
read and understand this is the first and most essential move
toward reform: and I shall dare to say that, if this is general-
ly read and understood, the intellect of the Province will be in
a fair way of amends: nay, it will be brightened up beyond
all conception in a few months: so much so, it is hoped, that no
practising lawyer will be returned as a member of Assembly.

I therefore now earnestly solicit subscriptions towards pro-
curing this most needful manual; and shall send out papers for
subscription; which, as soon as filled up, will be sufficient indi-
cation that I am not spending time and money in vain. Be it
clearly understood, that I have no little interest to serve in this
business—a committee appointed at Markham, which, on that
classical ground, is called THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS, will ma-
nage and be responsible for every thing,—I myself, not touching
a farthing, neither first nor last. At first, we require nothing
but names; and when money is called for, it will pass through
the Receiver General into the hands of the Treasurer; both
of whom have been regularly elected.

The idea of introducing part of Euclid's Elements into
every School—sufficient to elucidate the process of right rea-
soning, was first conceived by me many years ago, but never
till now spoken of: and I repeat, most earnestly, my wish that
it may be realized.

Young men naturally enough feel dissatisfied with my pro-
posal to exclude from voting all under thirty years of age; but,
I meant not to exclude those already enjoying the right; and,
in the same way, I would not exclude from the Upper House
(henceforth to be elected by the people,) legislative councillors
who have been appointed for life. Hitherto they have been a
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Let neither Priest nor Lawyer have place in the Legislature: perhaps Doctors and Butchers should be excluded: certainly, any man so callous, passionate, and daring, as to put prisoners to death.

Let voters for the Lower and Upper House of Assembly be classed as they stand low or high on the Assessment roll:—thus determining the limits of a natural Democracy and Aristocracy; and let not those who vote for one House, vote for the other.

Let one half of each House be elected annually; and members be installed two years. Let Assemblymen, in joint ballot, elect so many Executive Councillors each year, to continue in office a definite period; and, let Executive Councillors elect their President.

AND, MAY IT PLEASE HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY to empower the Ladies of Legislators to elect, annually, a Vice Queen, *viva voce*: while their daughters, in like manner, elect half a dozen maids of honor. Let Her Excellency the Vice Queen, and Maids of honor, cross the Atlantic every summer on a visit to the Queen, escorted by as many gentlemen elected by the Ladies from among members of Assembly: whom, it may please Her Majesty, to create Knights of Erie, Ontario, St. Lawrence, &c. Thus, would love be the only bond of Union between Britain and her Colonies:—thus, might a refined and amiable chivalry be nurtured, and grow up in the Western world.

Gentlemen!—I crossed the Atlantic, from England, twenty three years ago;—introduced myself to the Resident Landowners of Upper Canada, as a BRITISH FARMER; and, in six months, my name was in the mouth of every one from end to end of the Province. Had my plans, then broached, been executed, Upper Canada would now have counted three millions of inhabitants; but, in dread of me, an Act of Parliament was passed subversive of liberty; and, then, I was thrust into

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Through the four Townships,—first on horse-foot: conversing with all ranks and parties, houses; in taverns and private dwellings; moving still, I have had the best opportunities and listening to remarks.

Reported in Markham that I am a Spy of Governor Pickering, Mr. Peter Perry has traduced while others equally *liberal*, say I am crazy. Being, instructive and important that I shall state number.

Startled at the ass's bridge; some are puzzled as instruction of Members of Parliament; some as Euclid? and not a few complain that the other Maids of Honor, will assuredly involve enormous expense.

Most easily routed, face to face, I delivered a lecture, which not only quieted alarm, but won credit for Euclid. He flourished at Alexandria Christ, was the most meritorious of philosophized reasoning, and thereby laid a ground on the noblest achievements of human intellect. I perceive that his **FIRST BOOK** could be mastered by a boy 15 years of age in a month; and by a Farmer, at bye-hours, before next election. I will assert, that were this **BOOK** generally unlearned, would commence; and from thence would produce blessed results to the human family. I repeat that every tradesman was apprenticed before he entered in business:—that doctors—even horse-Diplomas:—that lawyers and preachers of law went examinations and procured testimonials asked, why Members of Parliament charged with public concerns, and requiring the highest qualification to perform their duty, should not be scrutinized to work?—why persons paid for public service should be made to show some proof of ability as

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May not the people of Upper Canada assemble, and thus elevate half a dozen **MAIDS OF MAY** in each Township?—May not these congregate in each District to elect **MAIDS OF HONOR**; from among whom might be elected half a dozen to proceed with the Vice Queen to England? With mere good-will, how easily could this be accomplished,—not costing a single shilling from taxation! How easily—how joyously—how profitably could the young women of the Province vie with each other in furnishing out adornments for their elect:—court dresses for Her Excellency the Vice Queen and suite! Nay, they might send home, to Her Majesty, offerings of taste and elegance; who, in turn, would be bountiful,—bestowing presents from England's choicest assortments!!—Can there be any one so dull, as not to comprehend how all this would contribute to bind together Britain and her Colonies?

To close this subject, let me say that **CABOTIA** (including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Prince Edwards Island, &c., and so called in honor of John Cabot, the discoverer of North America) should send home a Vice Queen, and four maids of honor; while the Indian nations, in Canada and Cabotia, send home a Vice Queen, and two maids of honor.

In a Petition which I had presented to the House of Commons, 1822, and which may be seen printed in the Journals, there was a proposal that each Province should send home two members to speak, but not to vote, in the Imperial Parliament. This duty could be performed by the Gentlemen elected by the Ladies to escort them; and a most important end might be served without a shilling's cost to the public.

Burke spoke of "*the cheap defense of nations*". By my scheme, the whole empire might be most surely united, and most cheaply upheld.

I will here pause, to give time for further reflection; and have only now to express my thanks for the very great kindness experienced, perambulating the delightful section of the country you inhabit. Indeed my health requires that exercise, which, under God, I trust, may promote the advancement of truth and goodness.

Yours very sincerely,

ROBERT F. GOURLAY.

Meet for the discussion of the above mentioned subjects at the
Mark, **Saturday 13th June**---Hunter's Tavern, Markham same
evening, do. **Wednesday 17th**--- The Court House, East Windsor,
you will attend, and frankly reply with his best ability to every
point good,—clear of all party considerations, and above all little selfish views: